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In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows.

Please cancel claims 21-32 without prejudice.

Claims 1-32 (cancelled)

33.(Previously presented) An adhesive coated article comprising a substrate with a first and second major surface and a layer of microsphere adhesive on at least a portion of the first major surface of the substrate, wherein the microsphere adhesive comprises

a) a plurality of hollow, polymeric, acrylate, inherently tacky, infusible, solvent-insoluble, solvent dispersible, pressure sensitive microspheres comprising at least about 85 parts by weight of at least one alkyl acrylate ester or alkyl methacrylate ester and up to 15 parts by weight at least one polar comonomer, a majority of the microspheres containing at least one interior void having a diameter at least 10 % of the diameter of the hollow microspheres, and

b) polyacrylamide,

wherein said adhesive composition exhibits a 90° peel value, as measured on clay coated paper, of from 20 grams/inch to 250 grams/inch.

34.(Previously presented) An adhesive coated article comprising

a substrate having a first major surface and a second major surface; and
a layer of microsphere adhesive on at least a portion of the first major surface of the substrate, the microsphere adhesive comprising

a) a plurality of polymeric, elastomeric microspheres wherein the microspheres comprise the reaction product of

1) polymerizable, starting materials comprising at least one C₄-C₁₄ alkyl (meth)acrylate ester monomer and at least one (meth)acrylamide comonomer, and

2) initiator for the polymerizable monomer starting materials present in an amount from 0.1 to approximately 2 parts

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by weight per 100 parts by weight of the polymerizable monomer starting materials,

- b) surfactant in an amount of no greater than about 5 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the microspheres,
- c) at least one vinyl-unsaturated additive having both an ionic moiety and a hydrophobic moiety and containing at least 5 but not more than 40 carbon atoms in an amount of from about 0.1 parts by weight to 3 parts by weight of the microspheres,
- d) polyacrylamide; and
- e) optionally, a polymeric stabilizer in an amount of from about 0.1 to about 3 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the microspheres.

35.(Previously presented) The adhesive of claim 34, wherein said microspheres further comprise chain transfer agent in an amount sufficient to produce from 30 % to 98 % of a solvent-soluble portion in the microspheres.